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**COMING OF INDEPENDENCE GUIDED READING ACTIVITY**

1. Explain how Americans were able to maintain ***“self-rule”*** even when the Crown (the King of England) was responsible for appointing the Governor in each colony. (p. 36)

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2. Why did Americans so ***strongly oppose the taxes imposed by Parliament*** to pay for British soldiers in the Americas? (p. 36)

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4. How many states sent representatives to the ***Stamp Act Congress*** in protest of Parliament’s law? How did Parliament respond when it realized the public anger about the Stamp Act? (p. 38)

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5. List at least three (3) events which led to the ***Revolutionary Wa*r** between England and its American colonies. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. What document was produced by the ***First Continental Congress***? (p. 39)

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7. What was the ***first battle of the Revolutionary War***, fought in April of 1775? (p. 39)

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8. Who was appointed to lead the ***Continental Army***? When he left, which Virginian took his place in the state’s delegation in the Congress? (p. 40)

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9. What was the United States of America’s ***first national government*** called? (p. 40)

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10. What ***constitutional government*** replaced this unicameral Congress in 1781? (p. 40)

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11. Who were the ***committee members*** who wrote the ***Declaration of Independence*** in the summer of 1776? Who was the ***principle author*** of the document?

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12. What five (5) truths did the ***Declaration of Independence*** propose were ***self-evident***? (Primary Source, page 40.)

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13. When should men, according to the ***Declaration of Independence***, exercise their right to alter or abolish a government and institute new governments? (p. Primary Source, page 40.)

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14. List the five (5) most important ***common characteristics of the new state governments*** in America.

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15. **MATCHING SECTION**. *Characteristics of American Governments*.

**A. Popular Sovereignty**

**B. Limited Government**

**C. Civil Rights and Liberties**

**D. Separation of Powers**

**E. Checks and Balances**

\_\_\_\_\_15A. Executive, Legislative, Judicial.

\_\_\_\_\_15B. Gov’t powers given by the people.

\_\_\_\_\_15C. President’s Veto, Congress’ Override

\_\_\_\_\_15D. Majority Rule, Consent of Citizens.

\_\_\_\_\_15E. Preserved in state Bills of Rights.